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HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 29, 1896.

An interesting report by Mr. J. W. Davidson
of a visit to the disturbed districts in
Formosa will be found in another column.
Unfortunately it does not completely exculpate
the Japanese from the charges of
wanton cruelty and oppression that have
been brought against them. Mr. Davidson
was not in the island at the time the
rebellion broke out and was therefore per-
sonally unacquainted with the circumstances
that preceded it and, as is alleged, gave rise
to it. He is therefore dependent on information
gathered after the event, whereas other
Europeans in the south of the island, who
were in close touch with the affected
districts, and who were in some cases eye-
witnesses of the acts of cruelty that are
alleged to have gone on, the people into
rebellion, speak of their own knowledge.
In the case of Tain-tsin, one of the disturbed
villages, Mr. Davidson gives both the
Chinese and Japanese accounts of the
circumstances under which the village was
destroyed, and says the reader can choose
for himself, but he says that to him it seems
very improbable that Japanese who were
being hunted and killed at every opportunity
would deliberately increase the
extreme danger of their position by arming
the hostility of a whole village by
entering a perfectly peaceful community
and killing and left without provoca-
tion. But the argument from probability
cuts both ways, and in the present case it
seems to tell more against the Japanese
position than that of the Chinese. When
the savage instincts of a body of men are
aroused and let loose, killing right and left
in the direction they naturally take, and
men in that frame of mind do not stop to
deliberate as to the remote consequences to
themselves, but will like wild beasts on the
impulse of the moment. And unfortunately
it would seem that the men in this and some
other instances were badly-offered,
and several officers are, according to the
Japanese press, to be tried by court-
martial for cowardice. Soldiers to a great
extent take their tone from their officers,
and cowards and cruelty often go together.
On the other hand, if we are to go on the
argument of probability it seems im-
probable that the helpless Chinese villagers
should wantonly arouse the hostility of
groups who had them at their mercy. We
are afraid, therefore, that there is little
extension to be found for the Japanese.

No doubt there were lawless bands of
Chinese who were a menace to the peace of
the country, but in the operations for their
suppression, the officers concerned acted

indiscreetly, carrying fire and sword into per-
fectly peaceful villages. That the Japanese
Government and the higher authorities both
civil and military, disapprove of what was
done and deeply regret the slur thrown on
the character of the army by the misconduct
of a small section of it, there can be no doubt,
and we may take it for granted that every
effort will be made to avoid similar mistakes
in the future. After the exposure of the faulty
methods and unreliable personnel that have
been employed we may expect to see the
pacification of the island proceed row on
more intelligent and humane lines, with the
result that in a short time Formosa will be-
come a prosperous colony and its inhabitants
peaceful and contented. As regards the late
occurrences, however, it would unfortunately
seem that there was little or no exaggeration
in the first accounts that were published.

CIRCUMSTANCES seem to indicate that the
rebellion in Manila is a more serious matter
than was at first supposed. According to a
Havana telegram three thousand of the in-
surgents made an attack on the night of the
29th August, but were repulsed with great
loss. That is, we take it, the Government
account of the affair. A strict supervision
is being exercised over all telegrams leaving
Manila and it is impossible to get independ-
ent and reliable information direct from that
quarter. The Governor-General, however,
must necessarily telegraph to Madrid to
report the daily course of events; the Madrid
Government gives to the newspapers so much
of the information as it thinks desirable,
and from Madrid the news is sent by the
Press agencies to other countries. Thus it
happens that the first details as to the
attack of the 29th August reached Hong-
kong only on the 6th September in the shape
of a Havana telegram received via
Tokio. So far Reuters has made no men-
tion whatever of the subject, presumably
because he thought that Hongkong being
so near to Manila would be in possession of
full information without his assistance.
That, however, is a mistake. Owing to the
supervision exercised over telegrams and the
determination of the Manila Govern-
ment to allow no detailed information of the
progress of the rebellion to be transmitted
except officially to Madrid were left almost
complete darkness. Strange as it may seem,
having regard to comparative distances, Manila
is the centre to which we must look for
news, and we would suggest to Reuters's
agency that the subject should be treated as
the most important and interesting of
current topics, so far as the Far East is
concerned, and especially Hongkong, which
is so closely connected with Manila com-
mercially. The occasional arrival of a
steamer from Manila will give us an oppor-
tunity of learning the news, but communica-
tion is now very infrequent, owing to the
guarantee regulations in Manila. The last
steamer arrived more than a week ago and
the next is not expected for another week,
so that we are left a fortnight without
news, at a time of grave anxiety.

We were at first disposed to think
the conspiracy would come to nothing,
and even when the first news of a
rising came we thought it might possibly
turn out to be little more than a riot, but
matters have now assumed a different
complexion. The telegram from the Consul
stating that a serious rebellion had broken
out and that there had been a conflict be-
tween the rebel forces and Government
troops just outside Manila was received on
the night of the 31st August. The next
morning a telegram was received from the
Manager of the Manila branch of the Hong-
kong and Shanghai Bank, reading as fol-
lows:—"Small rebellion has broken out in
Manila. In our opinion is not serious."
There is no cause for anxiety." This was
reassuring so far as it went, but it was
noticed that no details are given, and
there was a suspicion that it might have been
written in such a form as to pass the tele-
gram censor. Then our contemporary the
China Mail made an enterprising attempt
to establish a special telegraphic service
and its correspondent succeeded in getting
an telegram through, but this, though it
ran to a good many words, conveyed no
definite information except that "the revo-
lution still continues." That was dated
the 3rd September. The remainder of the
telegram was taken up with statements
to the effect that the rising was not so
serious as was at first anticipated
and that it was believed the Spanish
authorities would cope with it successfully.
Statements again suggestive of the super-
vision of the telegram censor. At last we
have, through the Havana agency, some
definite information, though brief, as to what
the conflict of the 29th amounted to. It
insurgents, it seems, made an attack three
thousand strong, but were repulsed with
great loss. Meanwhile there has been no
telegram from the Consul reporting an im-
provement in the situation, from which the
inference is to be drawn that he still regards it
as serious. Thus the insurgents were able
to make their first assault three thousand
strong goes to show that they must be in
considerable force. The Government troops
number only about fifteen thousand, not all
of whom are stationed in Manila, and if the
disaffection spread to the soldiers, the po-
sition of the Government would be critical.
The Government's real strength, however,
lies in the support of the priests, who exercise
an almost unbounded influence over the
natives, except as regards a section in the
large towns. The revolutionary party, we
believe, have no strength outside Manila,
and without the country at their back they
cannot hope for permanent success. It is
conceivable, however, that in Manila itself
they may give a good deal of trouble and
cause serious interference with business
until order is once again firmly estab-
lished.

There has not been a single case of plague
in the colony since last Saturday week.

There were 2,174 visitors to the City Hall
Museum last week, of whom 293 were Europeans.

The C. S. steamer *Empress of India* arrived
at Nagsat at 8 a.m. yesterday and left at
5 p.m. for Kobe.

The O.S. steamer *Palmer*, from
Liverpool, left Singapore on Friday afternoon
for the 4th inst., and is due here on about
Thursday, the 10th inst.

The *Empress of Japan* arrived at Yokohama
at 8.30 a.m. yesterday and left at 5 p.m. for
Hongkong.

Mr. H. Koppel, Customs Secretary to the
Inspector-General of Customs, has been ap-
pointed Postmaster to the island, in suc-
cession to the late Mr. J. H. Koppel.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. J. H. Koppel sold
by auction a small lot of Crown land at
Taitung. The lot consisted of 1,300 square
feet, and the total price for the lot was
£200. The lot was sold to Mr. J. H. Koppel.

Mr. Chang Chih-ying, private tutor to H.E.
Chang Chih-ying, has been appointed to the
post of *Chia Yen Poo*, in which legisla-
tive council of the Foreign territory is ad-
ministered by the Government of China.

The suggestion of the Viceroy Chang Chih-
ying to take over the Hanyang Iron Works
and Hanyang and Iron Mills to Sheng Tze-
tsung, has been accepted by the Board of
Ministers, and the Emperor's Rescript
has been issued in accordance with the
suggestion.

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THE FRENCH MAIL

The M. M. steamer *Caledonian*, with flags from each of the 14th August, left Singapore on Saturday, the 5th instant, at 8 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 10th instant, having been detained by heavy squalls en route from Hongkong on Friday.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The P. M. steamer *Pope*, with mails, despatched from San Francisco on the 7th August, arrived here on Saturday, the 6th instant, at 10 p.m. The passengers, and letters for this port via Nagasaki on the 4th instant.

The O. & O. steamer *Coptic*, with mails, and left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, and Kobe, on the 29th ultimo.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The C. P. steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived at Yokohama at 8.30 a.m. on the 7th instant, and left at 4 p.m. for Hongkong.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.
The steamer *Chelydra*, from Calcutta at Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 4th instant.

MEDICINAL SUPPLIES.
The N. F. steamer *Victoria* has arrived at Yokohama and sailed on the 1st instant for this port via usual ports of call.

THE P. & O. steamer *Hydaspes* left Singapore for this port on the 2nd instant.

THE LIVERPOOL AND GLASGOW STEAMERS.
The Liverpool mail steamer *Oasis*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, passed the Cape on the 24th ultimo, and may be considered at Singapore on or about the 10th instant.

The O.B.S. Co's steamer *Palmyra*, from Liverpool, left London on the 4th instant, and is due here on or about the 10th instant.

The P. & O. steamer *Moragah* left Bombay for this port on the 29th ultimo.

The P. & O. steamer *Malacca* left Bombay for this port on the 3rd instant.

PASSED THE CANAL.
OUTWARD—1st August—*Broomfield*; *Quaker*; *Olya*; *Miami*; *Maria*. 2nd August—

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

The authorised List of Mails received in connection with this paper is the one published twice a week—*Sunday*, and *Monday*. Letters from *Perak* and *Malacca* are delivered to the Editor's Office a much later hour than that given below.

PEAK DELIVERY closes at Post Office at 11.30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on *Letter Days*. Letters from *Perak* and *Malacca* are delivered to the Editor's Office at 12 and 6 o'clock *Malacca* and *Perak* will be placed at 12 noon and 4 p.m.

The Postal Guide for 1896, revised to be found in the *Circulation and Distribution* of the paper, is the only authorized copy. Summary of Postal information published in *Kongkook*.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For *Singapore, Amoy, and Yokohama*, to-day, the 4th inst., at 11.30 a.m.

For *Singapore, Penang and Calcutta*—*Singapore*, to-day, the 6th inst., at 11.30 a.m.

For *Tientsin*—*Per Nanchang*, to-day, the 6th inst., at 1.30 p.m.

For *Kobe*—*Per Tientsin*, to-day, the 6th inst., at 3.30 p.m.

For *Hankow and Harbin*—*Per Nanchang*, to-day, the 6th inst., at 3.30 p.m.

moreover, the *Penins*, left at 11.30 a.m.
 For *Penang*, *Port Swettenham*, to-morrow, the
Inst., at 11.30 a.m.
 For *Timor*, *Port Darwin*, Thursday left
 Cocktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney
 and Melbourne, on Thursday, the
Inst., at 9.30 a.m.
 For *Kagasaki*, *Kobe* and *Yokohama*—
Korona, on Friday, the 15th inst., at 11.30
 a.m.
 For *Singapore*, *Kobe*, *Yokohama*, *Yeddo*,
Bombay and *Aden*—*For Tarawa*, on the
 12th inst., at 5.00 p.m.
 For *Singapore*—*For Agaña*, on Tues-
 day, the 15th inst., at 11.50 a.m.
 For *Singapore*, *Aden*, *Yokohama*, on Wed-
 nesday, the 18th inst., at 8.30 p.m.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH EAST
 The British Contract Packet *East*
 will be despatched, on THURSDAY,
 the instant, with Mails for the United King-
 dom, and countries beyond, as *Princely*,
Strait Settlements, *Nei*, *Amoy*, *Swatow*,
Shanghai, *Yokohama*, *Aden*, *Suez*,
Port Said, *Byrrat*, *Malaga*, and *Gibraltar*,
 6.00 a.m.—Posting of Presses Current and
 culture closes.

10.00 A/c.—Register, Sables.
10.00 A/c.—Postage of newspapers, trunks,
pattern coats.
11.00 A/c.—Mail closed.
LATER LETTERS may be posted (from 1
A/c.) with 10 cents late fee up to 11.30
A/c. after that hour they may be sent out
with the same late fee.
MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES
PACKET
The United States Mail Packet *Religio*
is despatched on SATURDAY, the
instant, with mails for Japan, San Francisco,
the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru,
which will be closed as follows:—
10.00 A/c.—Register.
11.00 A/c.—Post Office closes, but correspondence
may be posted on board the Packet.
The late fee of 10 cents extra per
unit until time of departure.
MAILS BY THE GERMAN PACKET
The German Contract Packet *Bayern*
is despatched on TUESDAY, the 16th
at 9 a.m. with Mails for the United Kingdom,
Europe, and countries beyond, *via* Bremen,
to the States of Holland, Prussia, Russia,
Portugal, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, &c.,
& Registry closes at 7.30 A.M.
The mail closes at 8.00 A.M. Late letters
8.30 a.m. with 10 cents extra postage.
MAILS BY THE CANADIAN
PACKET
The Canadian Mail Packet *Empress*
Japan will be despatched on WEDNESDAY
the 30th instant, with Mails for Shanghai,
Hongkong, Japan, Canada, &c.,
which will be closed as follows:—

10.00 A.M. Registry cases.
11.00 A.M. Post Office closes, but correspond-
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 AMALDABO, Brit. str. Cankoon—
 Eburne & Co.
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 FOHRN & SONS, Hawaiian bk. Lincoln—O'
 GLEN CALADRI, Brit. bk. Lamont & Co.
 JACOB, CHRISTIANSEN, Norw. str. Hans
 Melchers & Co.
 JOSEPHUS, Amer. ship, Gilkey—Stiemens &
 LYERHOOD, Ger. str. Heumann—Stiemens
 & Co.
 MACPHER, Brit. str. Thomson—Doyle &
 & Co.
 MOUNT LEBANON, Brit. str. McLean—Sh
 & Co.
 PARANITA, Amer. ship, Soles—Star
 Oil Co.
 PETERBACH, Ger. str. Schall—Wiede &
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 PRINCE, Brit. str. Farman—Chinsee.
 SIAM, Ger. ship, Garlicks—Standard Oil
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 WM. H. SMITH, Amer. ship, Willou
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